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For: THERMOELECTRIC SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIAL, THERMOELECTRIC SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT THEREFROM, THERMOELECTRIC MODULE INCLUDING THERMOELECTRIC SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THESE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

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